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1. EMBOFF'S STATEMENT CITED REFTEL IS CORRECT IN THAT
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DELAY IN PHASE II HOMEPORTING DOES NOT RESULT IN REDUCTION

IN MAXIMUM NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT REQUIRED FOR NON-HOMEPORTING EXPANDED USE OF SOUDA BAY AIRFIELD. THE PEAK LOADING REQUIREMENT OF 24 AIRCRAFT STATED IN ARTICLE 2 OF THE DRAFT SOUDA AGREEMENT IS NECESSARY TO FULFILL SIXTH FLEET/STRIKE FORCE SOUTH SUPPORT MISSIONS CITED IN ANNEX I (VP DET, VR DET, VQ, CVA DIVERT, MAC, SURPLUS AIRCRAFT FROM DEPLOYED REPEAT DEPLOYED CV, AMCM, AND CRT). AS YOU WILL RECALL, THESE REQUIREMENTS FOR INCREASED USAGE OF SOUDA AB PRECEDED THE EVENTUAL FUTURE REQUIREMENTS FOR HOMEPORTED CV AIRWING TRAINING. FURTHERMORE, THE PROPOSED INTENSITY OF USAGE (40 SORTIES DAILY) ALSO REMAINS VALID FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECTED BASE AIRCRAFT LOADING QUITE APART FROM POSSIBLE HOMEPORTING USAGE.

2. WITH REFERENCE TO AMBASSADOR TZOUNIS' SPECULATION THAT GOG MIGHT DELETE SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR PHASE II HOMEPORTING FROM DRAFT SOUDA AGREEMENT, THE FINAL AGREEMENT SHOULD AT MINIMUM NOT PRECLUDE SUBSEQUENT MODIFICATION TO FULFILL PHASE II CVW TRAINING REQUIREMENTS. KISSINGER

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